

**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CARROLLTON
FEBRUARY 18, 2002**

MINUTES

Regular
Council
Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 18, 2002 at 7:30 p. m. in the Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim.

Roll Call

There were present:

Mayor Gerald Pilgrim
Councilmember Gerald Byrd
Councilmember Henry Dickerson
Councilmember Rusty Gray
Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.

There were absent:

None

Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Mayor Pilgrim.

Boy Scouts

Mayor Pilgrim recognized Boy Scout Troop # 138 who attended the Council Meeting.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Byrd, the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2002 were approved as previously circulated.

Emp.
Health

City Manager Danny Mabry advised that the employee's health insurance premiums will increase 15% in March 2002.

Mr. Mabry said with the large rate increase in 2000-01, employees were advised that the City could no longer absorb the full cost of family coverage increases. A pass-along increase was phased in for family coverage.

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Williamson, the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to pass the cost increase for family coverage to employees in two incremental phases. One-half of the increase will be

phased in effective April 1, 2002 and the other half on July 1, 2002. The City will absorb the cost for March.

City Manager Mabry was authorized to explore options, and seek *Requests for Proposals* to make a *Section 125 Cafeteria Plan* available. Such a plan would allow employee participation to be made with pre-tax dollars.

GMA Lease
Pool Pgm.

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Gray, the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving continued participation in the *Georgia Municipal Association Lease Pool Program*. The resolution certified that the necessary funds for making lease payments are included in the current budget.

Mr. Mabry said the City of Carrollton is one of the original participants in the GMA Lease Pool Program. The program is used for the acquisition of rolling stock for the City at extremely favorable interest rates.

Appoint.

On a motion by Councilmember Williamson, Ben Garrett and Tee Reeve, III, M. D. were appointed to the *Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department Commission*; Mandy Maierhofer was appointed to the *Historic Preservation Commission*; George L. Martin, Jr was appointed to the *Carrollton Planning Commission*; Woody Cole was appointed to the *Carrollton Housing Authority*; and Richard Duncan was appointed to the *Payroll Development Authority*. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dickerson and was carried with a 3-0 vote.

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Williamson, Joey Huckeba and Russell Shadrix were unanimously confirmed to the *Main Street Board of Directors*.

Graffiti

Mayor Pilgrim responded to a rash of gang-like graffiti on both public and private property throughout the City. Mayor Pilgrim outlined the following steps to be taken in an effort to alleviate this problem:

? *Beefed up law enforcement activities to identify and arrest those responsible for the acts.*

? *The City is offering a reward of **\$2,000** to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these acts. Mayor Pilgrim said anyone with information should contact Lt. Detective Tony Johnson at the Carrollton Police Department.*

? *Members of Explorers Post 911, sponsored by Carrollton Police Department, as a community service project, will assist property owners in painting over graffiti on their buildings. Mr. James Gordon of Gordon Paint, Floorcovering & Wallcovering, Inc., has agreed to provide paint at cost and volunteer his time and expertise in matching colors. The City will provide the paint and materials for use by the Explorers.*

Traffic
Signal -

Councilmember Byrd inquired about the status of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of U. S. 27 North and Spring Street. City Manager Mabry advised that the Georgia Department of Transportation conducted a *Warrants Analysis* at that location. The analysis indicated that not enough warrants were met to justify the signal. The DOT suggested limiting entrances from Spring Street to *right-in/right-out* movements only.

Councilmember Dickerson said he felt that eliminating left-hand turns at this intersection would just shift the traffic to West Chandler Street. He requested that City staff ask GA DOT to re-evaluate the warrants analysis based on 2001 accident/traffic data.

Almon Rd.

Mr. Hartley, Mr. Wilkins and Mrs. Payton of Almon Road appeared before the Mayor and City Council to voice their concerns regarding Almon Road improvements. The City is upgrading Almon Road with new storm drainage, curb/gutter, sidewalk, street widening, and a multi-way stop. They expressed concerns regarding the following: driveway upgrade installation, quality of work, drainage design, retention pond, time required to complete project, contractor competence and City oversight. Members of the Mayor and City Council advised them that the City Manager would work with the contractor and engineering staff to address the issues to the extent practicable.

Citizen's
Comments

Mr. Joe Lewis spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding issues involving the West Carrollton neighborhoods. Specifically, he spoke of a possible CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) multi-activity project in the area.

Mr. Bill Chappell said he would like to file an open records request for real estate documents which have been transacted within the past few years. Mr. Mabry advised Mr. Chappell to come by the City Hall and file the proper request.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

